



# ***PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT***

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MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: DONATION OF SECONDARY EXIT GATE – COSTA MESA BARK PARK

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: BRUCE A. HARTLEY, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Provide staff direction on the proposed donation of a secondary exit to the large dog area of the Costa Mesa Bark Park by the Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Maintenance Services Division was initially contacted by Shirley McDaniels on behalf of the Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation requesting assistance in coordinating the donation of improvements to the Bark Park that would create a secondary exit from the large dog area of the park into the parking lot.

The Maintenance Services Manager met with Ms. McDaniels and Irwin Sauer (plan preparer) on July 8, 2014, to review the proposed design. Opportunities and constraints were discussed regarding grade, drainage and ADA accessibility. A revised plan was presented. See Attachment 2.

## **ANALYSIS**

The proposed secondary exit is being offered to the City by the Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation (CMBPF) to address a concern that the members believe exists with the existing entry/exit gate system. Currently, dogs entering and exiting the park pass through two gates connecting the parking lot with the large and small dog areas. Ms. McDaniels stated that at times there are conflicts between dogs entering and exiting the park as they pass each other leading to altercations between animals. To avoid this situation, dog owners could utilize the proposed exit to access the parking lot without passing dogs that are entering the park. It is typical that dogs entering the park are very excited and anxious and are more prone to conflict than the dogs that are finished playing and are at a lower energy level.

The proposed exit system would include the installation of a sidewalk and a dual gate system; removal of curbing; installation of under sidewalk drains; new fence installation and signage. All of these costs would be borne by the CMBPF. See Attachment 1. The cost of modifying the irrigation system to re-irrigate the areas separated by the new sidewalk would need to be borne by the CMBPF as well. Due to the use of recycled water at this park, irrigation water is not permitted by Mesa Water District to spray on to

the sidewalks, requiring the systems to be re-designed and re-located to accomplish that requirement. The cost of those modifications is estimated to be between \$500 and \$1,000. The necessary work and the cost would be the responsibility of the CMBPF. Any building permits, ADA evaluations and/or requirements would be the responsibility of the CMBPF to obtain and fund. All work would need to be performed by licensed and insured contractors with a valid City of Costa Mesa business license. The CMBPF stipulates in the offer letter that the project must begin by October 20, 2104 to secure the funding. With current projects, priorities and work load, City staff assistance cannot be guaranteed to insure the deadline is met.

Staff have received no prior complaints or requests for modifications to the current entry/exit area. It is unknown whether the problems that would be addressed by the proposed modification exist or are significant enough to warrant the project.

Ms. McDaniels and the current President of the CMBPF have been notified of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and have been sent a copy of this staff report.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Commission could accept the donation of the proposed secondary exit or the offer could be declined.

### **FISCAL REVIEW**

There would be no fiscal impact to the City if the donation is accepted or declined. If the donation is accepted, there would be staff time required to assist in the coordination of the project and to inspect the improvements.

### **LEGAL REVIEW**

No legal review is required for this item.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation is proposing to donate the construction of a secondary exit from the large dog park to the parking lot at the Bark Park to reduce altercations between dogs entering and exiting the park via the existing entrance/exit gate system. The donation would require the donor to pay all costs associated with the donation and adhere to all legal requirements for the project. City staff participation would be required for assistance. Staff is requesting direction from the Commission on how to proceed.

  
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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Letter from the Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation  
2. Plot Plan - Alternative Exit

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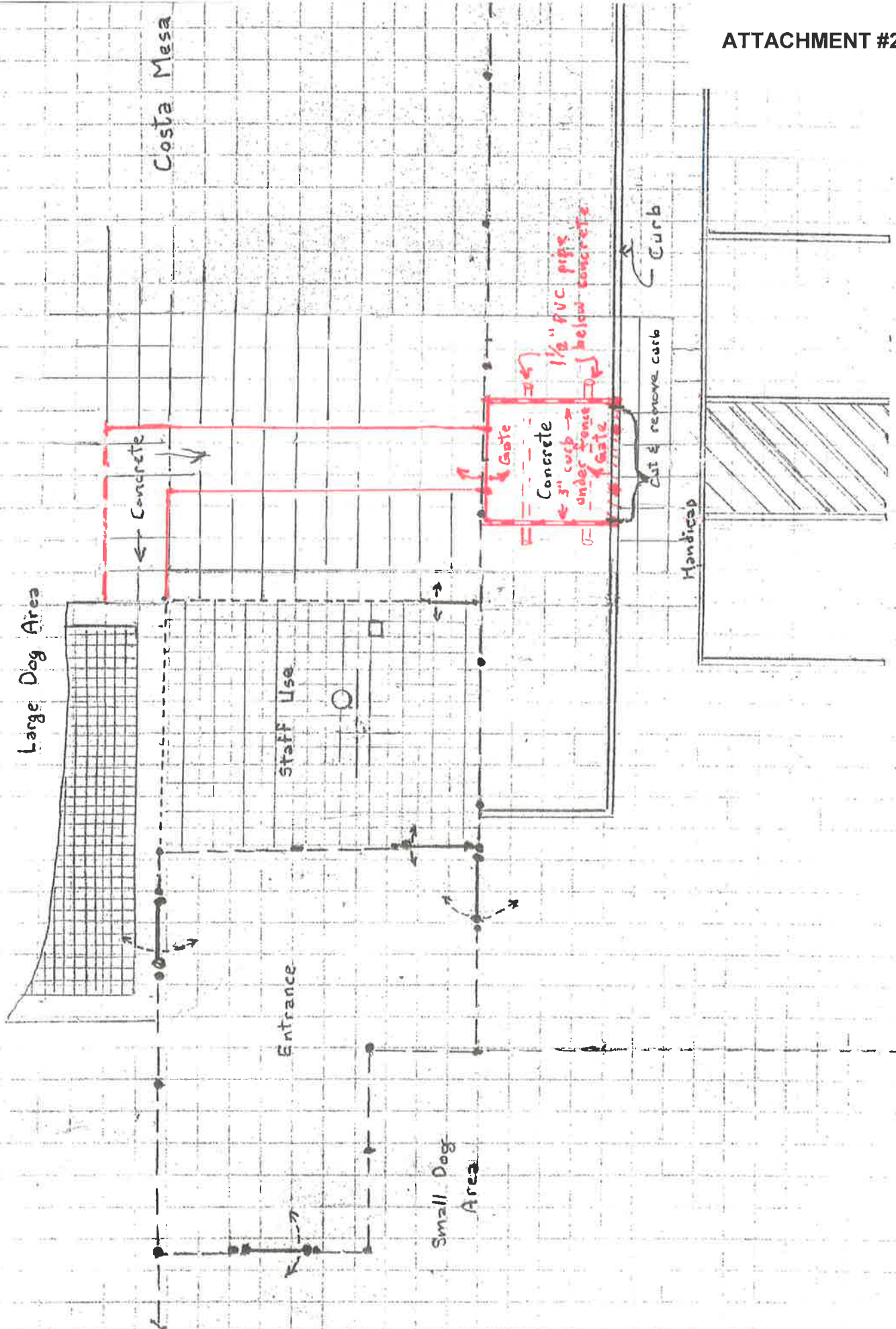
July 21, 2014

This letter is to request The City of Costa Mesa for approval of The Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation to install an exit gate area in The Costa Mesa Bark Park per the attached drawing. The Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation shall fund the project up to \$10,000 and will agree to complete the project if The City approves the project and the Foundation begins the project/breaks ground by October 20, 2014.

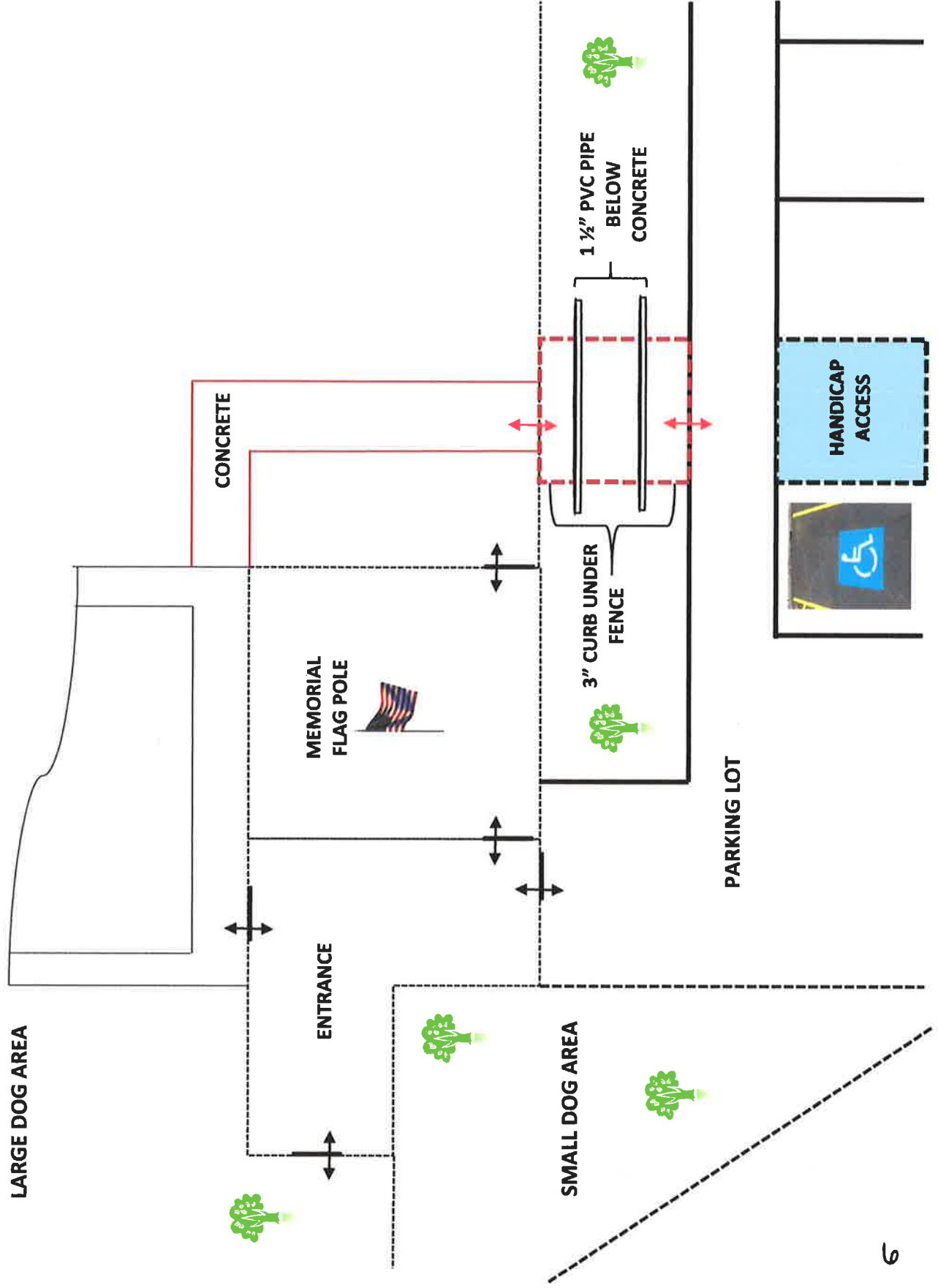
Thank you for your consideration.

THE COSTA MESA BARK PARK FOUNDATION

  
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ITS: Leslie McClellan, President



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# **COSTA MESA BARK PARK AERIAL VIEW**

